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Applicant(s): Yuji YAKURA, et al.

Invention: METHOD FOR DRIVING RECORDING HEAD, RECORDING HEAD AND INK JET
PRINTER**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Yuji YAKURA et al.

Application No.: 09/936,943

Filed: January 16, 2002

For: METHOD FOR DRIVING RECORDING HEAD, RECORDING HEAD AND
INK JET PRINTER

Examiner: L. Nguyen

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Confirmation No. 2994

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Official Action mailed on September 11, 2002,
 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 16, 19, 25, 28 and 34 as shown in the Appendix. The claims as amended in clean form are presented below.

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1. (Amended) A method for driving a recording head having a plurality of heating elements as driving elements for ejecting ink droplets from a plurality of nozzles, the plurality of heating elements being arranged in a direction substantially perpendicular to the direction of carrying a carried recording medium, the method comprising:

a time-division driving step of dividing the plurality of heating elements into a plurality of blocks, each block consisting of a predetermined number of spatially arranged heating elements of the plurality of heating elements corresponding to the plurality of nozzles, and sequentially driving each set of heating elements simultaneously driven over the respective blocks, in a time-divisional manner in a driving order so that non-adjacent heating elements are driven next to avoid cross-talk due to driving adjacent heating elements; and

a recording step of ejecting ink droplets from the nozzles corresponding to the driven heating elements and impacting the ink droplets on the recording medium,

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